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Applicant : Paul R. Erickson et al.

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Paul R. Erickson, declare as follows:

1. I have been employed by Velcro Group Corporation and its predecessor corporations for the last 23 years in the development of hook and loop fastening products. I have held positions as Dye Superintendent, Process Engineer focusing on Textile processes, Technical Manager--Knitting, Project engineer focusing on textile processes, Department manager weaving, dyeing, and coating, and I am currently a Senior Engineer in Innovation and Technology Department, focusing on Textiles.

2. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Textile Technology in 1975 from the University of Massachusetts, North Dartmouth.

3. The term "float" is a technical term known in the textile industry as the portion of yarn in a knit fabric that extends for some length without being knitted in; hence, the term float yarn or float filament. The float filament extends from a fixed point over two or more adjacent filaments unrestrained to a second fixed point. The float filament is allowed to move freely over the adjacent filaments between the two fixed points. In use, float filament sections extend generally along an outer surface of a knit or weave and are connected to the surface only at their ends.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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